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In response to the Final Office Communication mailed October 8, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application to place the claims in condition for allowance or to place the claims in better form for appeal.

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